
Delta State University

NINETY-FIFTH

Commencement



WALTER SILLERS COLISEUM
FRIDAY, MAY SIXTH
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY TWO
10:00 AM

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PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL (*Audience please stand*)..... Pomp and Circumstance March
Edward Elgar/Arr. Williams
Delta State Commencement Brass

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER..... Francis Scott Key/ Arr. Williams
Amber Jane Browning, Mezzo-soprano
Delta State Commencement Brass

INTRODUCTIONS..... William N. LaForge, President

ADDRESS..... Walter W. Bettinger II
Chief Executive Officer, The Charles Schwab Corporation

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE..... William N. LaForge

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES..... William N. LaForge
Andrew J. Novobilski, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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DEGREE CANDIDATE ORDER

Doctor of Education
Educational Specialist
Master Degrees
Honor Diploma
Doyce Stallings Mitchell Honor Diploma
Baccalaureate Degrees

WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION..... John R. Fletcher
President, National Alumni Association Board of Directors

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(Audience will remain in their seats until recessional is complete.)

Honorary Degree

Honorary doctoral degrees have been a tradition in North American higher education for more than 300 years. These degrees are conferred *honoris causa* (“for the sake of honor”). An honorary degree serves to recognize both the grantee and the spirit of the granting institution.

Delta State University confers the honorary degree to individuals who have made significant and meritorious contributions to the university, higher education generally, or other areas of society. Achievements can include, but are not limited to, outstanding creative and scholarly work, distinguished leadership or service, significant accomplishments, and exceptional philanthropic support.

Walter W. Bettinger II

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient



Mr. Walt Bettinger is a native of Ada, Ohio. He attended Delta State University for two years on an academic and golf scholarship, prior to transferring and graduating summa cum laude from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He has also completed the General Management program offered by the Harvard Business School.

In 1983, at the age of 22, Mr. Bettinger founded The Hampton Company, a provider of retirement plan services to corporations and their employees. The Charles Schwab Corporation acquired the Hampton Company in 1995.

Mr. Bettinger has been Chief Executive Officer of The Charles Schwab Corporation since 2008. Prior to assuming his current role as CEO, he most recently served as President and Chief Operating Officer of The Charles Schwab Corporation. He leads a workforce of approximately 33,000 employees, with headquarters in Westlake, Texas, and branch offices in more than 420 locations across the United States, as well as locations in London, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Bettinger has been recognized throughout his career as a leader in financial services. He has been recognized four times as Businessperson of the Year by *Fortune* magazine — most recently in 2018 — and, he was ranked the seventh businessperson globally in the same year. In 2019, he was named to Glassdoor’s list of Top 100 Large Company CEOs across North America and Europe.

In addition to his professional duties, Mr. Bettinger is active in numerous charitable and philanthropic efforts. He and his wife, Teri, are founders of the Walt and Teri Bettinger Foundation, and they are the parents of five children.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Brian Shannon Fortenberry	Professional Studies	Clinton
A Comparative Study of Academic Achievement of High School Students Based on Participation or Nonparticipation in Interscholastic Athletic Programs		
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Timothy Watkins		
Hooded by: Dr. Timothy Watkins		
 Larry Lynn Morgan	 Professional Studies	 Pearl
The Addition of Video to Music Appreciation Classes and Its Effect on Student Achievement and Attitude		
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Corlis Snow		
Hooded by: Dr. Corlis Snow		

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Heather Boyer	Educational Administration and Supervision	Houston
William Kyle Bramlett	Educational Administration and Supervision	Tupelo
Shelby Deshea Carter	Educational Administration and Supervision	Cleveland
Robert Green	Educational Administration and Supervision	Tupelo
Julia Harrington	Educational Administration and Supervision	Indianola
Hosea Haywood, Sr.	Educational Administration and Supervision	Shaw
Danita Owen Mattox	Educational Administration and Supervision	New Albany
Louise Clayborne McCoy	Educational Administration and Supervision	Brandon
Frank Lee McGriggs, Jr.	Elementary Education	Utica
Danna Pritchard	Curriculum and Instruction	Hudson, WI
Kelsey Smith	Elementary Education	Indianola
Reginald Lashon Stanley	Educational Administration and Supervision	Greenwood
Noell Vanasselberg	Educational Administration and Supervision	Tremont

Note: Latin honors based on GPA at beginning of the Spring 2022 semester

- * Cum laude
- ** Magna cum laude
- *** Summa cum laude
- ∞ Honors Fellows
- + Phi Kappa Phi

**All cities in Mississippi
unless otherwise indicated**

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Constance Michelle Washington	Educational Administration and Supervision	Natchez
Holly Marie Wells	Educational Administration and Supervision	Grenada
Amy Roszanna Williams	Educational Administration and Supervision	Clarksdale
Tekoa Williams	Educational Administration and Supervision	Greenwood

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
DeAiren Allen	Teaching	Clarksdale
Virginia Kristen Cagle	Teaching	Lexa, AR
Pamela Elizabeth Cannon	Teaching	Clarksdale
Otis Charles Christian, Jr.	Teaching	Cleveland
JaKyra Gardner	Teaching	Indianola
Latoya Orlanda Henry	Teaching	Indianola
Destiny Shaneice Keys	Teaching	Indianola
Ian Michael Matthews	Teaching	Benoit
Bridonna Reed	Teaching	Belzoni
Tayanna Mekel Rias	Teaching	Ruleville
LaGarrious Cainus Sims	Teaching	Greenville
Jakayla J. Stampley	Teaching	Greenwood
Mikel Sykes	Teaching	Winona

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Virginia Little Alexander	Counseling	Greenville
Hayley Michelle Alford	Educational Administration and Supervision	Wesson
Charlotte Katie Arrowsmith	Counseling	Greenwood
Hannah Elizabeth Banks	Elementary Education	Terry
Lindsey Blackledge	Elementary Education	Vicksburg
KaShyla Shantere Brooks	Counseling	Jonestown
Karita Bush	Elementary Education	Indianola
Innis Claud	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Cleveland
Ikeria K. Curry	Counseling	Shaw
Lisa Davis	Elementary Education	Drew
Amy Dendy	Secondary Education	Collins
Hannah Evans	Elementary Education	Benton

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Porshia Ferguson	Educational Administration and Supervision	Vicksburg
Samantha Joyce Goff	Elementary Education	Cleveland
Cozy Mae Gray	Counseling	Jackson
Alexa Bridges Hayward	Elementary Education	Cleveland
Melissa Ivory	Secondary Education	Greenwood
Jessica Martinson	Counseling	Cleveland
Mary Catherine McGee	Counseling	Greenville
Cherie Danielle McGraw	Elementary Education	Morton
Hollie Randall Moore	Counseling	Cleveland
Raven Moss	Counseling	Grenada
Zaria LaTia Nolan	Counseling	Friars Point
Desirae Antionette Purnell	Counseling	Duck Hill
David Scott Rhines	Educational Administration and Supervision	Holly Springs
Brooke Nicole Roberts	Counseling	New Albany
Terry J. Session	Counseling	Greenville
Rena Blaylock Summers	Educational Administration and Supervision	Pearl
Makenzie Allyn Thomas	Special Education	Clinton
Alisia J. Townsend	Counseling	Shelby

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Jakarta Agnew	Sport and Human Performance	Starkville
Ione Jocelyne Deroode	Sport and Human Performance	France
Eric Joseph Diamond	Sport and Human Performance	Cleveland
LaDarrien DaSean Evans	Sport and Human Performance	Greenville
Laura Caroline Fields	Sport and Human Performance	Holcomb
Aspriona Cadiesa Gilbert	Sport and Human Performance	New Albany
Frederica Haywood	Sport and Human Performance	Shelby
Macarell Cortez Hickinbottom	Sport and Human Performance	Oxford
Ashely Raichelle King	Sport and Human Performance	Wayside
Emile Le Terrier	Sport and Human Performance	France
Andrew Nilo	Sport and Human Performance	Weatherford, TX
Samuel Thomas Rayburn IV	Sport and Human Performance	Cleveland
Chelsey Emone Rhodes	Sport and Human Performance	Monticello, AR
Zane Lovelle Samuel	Sport and Human Performance	Tuscaloosa, AL
Lamarques Davon Thomas	Sport and Human Performance	Cleveland
Klaiton Andrew Wolff	Sport and Human Performance	Altamont, IL
Takiyah Verlecia Wooden	Sport and Human Performance	Greenwood

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Joseph Martin Rawls	Liberal Studies	West Helena, AR

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NATURAL SCIENCES

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Zaida Tirtsa Laventure	Natural Sciences	Haiti
Akaychia Lowery	Natural Sciences	Cleveland
Hayden Thomas White	Natural Sciences	Madison

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Leketia Bryant	Social Justice and Criminology	Shaw
Hannah Marie Cooper	Social Justice and Criminology	Ruleville
Tenelia Grays	Social Justice and Criminology	Walls
Lauren Iozzio	Social Justice and Criminology	Houston, TX
Samantha Lewis	Social Justice and Criminology	Florence
Jayla Monique Miller	Social Justice and Criminology	Clarksdale
Brittany Shantae' Reed	Social Justice and Criminology	Holcomb

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Come Bracaval	Business Administration	France
Amanda Carol Braddock	Business Administration	Amory
Zachary Pascal Breaux	Business Administration	Houma, LA
Jacob Landon Cottrell	Business Administration	Collierville, TN
Jack Christopher Creely	Business Administration	Madison
Reid Michael Cudd	Business Administration	Perkinston
Emilie Dantin	Business Administration	Vicksburg
Shane Alexander DeFreitas	Business Administration	Lawrenceville, GA
Olivia Draine	Business Administration	Indianola
Jahquishia Easterling	Business Administration	Gulfport
Ana Maria Espinoza	Business Administration	Olive Branch
Christian Paul Evans	Business Administration	England
Tara Lakita Hunt	Business Administration	Cleveland

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Tazia Valenca Jackson	Business Administration	Katy, TX
Nathaniel Andrews Jones	Business Administration	Cleveland
Mohammad Mansour Makableh	Business Administration	Jordan
Jo Allison McCreary	Business Administration	Merigold
Kimberly Meeks	Business Administration	Greenwood
Tiffanee Shar'Naye Merritt	Business Administration	Southaven
Owen Thomas Patterson	Business Administration	Canada
Jamesha Chanti Payne	Business Administration	Pace
Kyle Alexander Purvis	Business Administration	Madison
Holly Marie Ray	Business Administration	Cleveland
Quindarius Redmond	Business Administration	Horn Lake
Tanya Smart	Business Administration	Lexington
Hugo Stroppiana	Business Administration	France
Latoyia Taylor	Business Administration	Cordova, TN
LaShana Thigpen	Business Administration	Brandon
Clinton Bryce Tucker	Business Administration	Nashville, TN
Katheryne Stephanie Valencia Perez	Business Administration	Venezuela
Davida La'Sonji White	Business Administration	Leland
Layla Young	Business Administration	Cleveland

MASTER OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Phillip Ladner Brock	Commercial Aviation	Noxapater
John Dvorak	Commercial Aviation	Saint Louis, MO
Robert Clayton Johnsen	Commercial Aviation	Woodstock, GA
Jennifer Kanakis	Commercial Aviation	Claremont, CA
Michael Kelsch	Commercial Aviation	Southaven
Jamere Noel Maxwell	Commercial Aviation	Chicago, IL
Jill Roberg	Commercial Aviation	Salina, KS
Katy Rene Sorber	Commercial Aviation	Midlothian, TX
Bryan T. Spurlock	Commercial Aviation	Raymond

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Kathryn Myles Bennett	Accountancy	Coila
Zachary Pascal Breaux	Accountancy	Houma, LA
Reid Michael Cudd	Accountancy	Perkinston
Christian Paul Evans	Accountancy	England
Chynna Kate Hearon	Accountancy	Lyon
Tamarcus Le'quinn Hemphill, Jr.	Accountancy	Greenville
Jessica Johnson	Accountancy	Senatobia
Owen Thomas Patterson	Accountancy	Canada
William Mitchell Pitts III	Accountancy	Indianola

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Jenna Allen	Nursing	Oxford
Janika Brown	Nursing	Weir
Michelle Lambeth Draper	Nursing	Iuka
Dametra Mangum	Nursing	Brandon
Kamelia Charlene Shumpert	Nursing	Oxford

CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
∞	John Michael Jones, Jr.	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Bolton
	Meredith Scout Mauch	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Elaine, AR
∞**	Peter Grahame Meharg	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Benbrook, TX
	Rebekah Eve Reddin	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Stafford, VA

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Raul Arreola, Jr.	Art	Union
	Casey Ray Cook	History	Summit
∞+***	Isabella Michele Escobedo	History	Grenada
	James Caleb Giachelli	English	Itta Bena
***	Anna Rose Hutchinson	History	Kosciusko
	Joanna M. Johnson	English	Natchez
	Emily Justus	Music	Southaven
	Brady Lamar Keeton	History	Cleveland
*	Ashlyn Faith Saxon	English	New Albany
	Russell Drew Smither	History	Cleveland
	Zachary Whitehead	Music	Senatobia
	Shamyiah Williams	English	Memphis, TN

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
***	Katherine Denise Burns	Art	Brandon
∞***	Lucia Chacon Habis	Art	Guatemala
***	Shelby Davis	Art	Canton
	Uyiose Anthony Eki	Digital Media Arts	Nigeria
	Briana Paige Henderson	Digital Media Arts	Vancleave
*	Amy E. House	Art	Madison
	Patricia Faye Huddleston	Art	Quitman
	Christian Giovanni Marquez Bandala	Art	Belzoni
***	Deanna Thompson	Art	Terry

BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
*	Amber Jane Browning	Music Education	Horn Lake
	Jackson Robert Moore	Music Education	Southaven
*	William Andrew Pearce	Music Education	Corinth
	Thomas Clayton Tutor	Music Education	Batesville
***	Timothy Andrew Wasylina	Music Education	Thaxton
	Derrick Monroe Williams, Jr.	Music Education	Ellisville

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Joanna Margaret Aguzzi	Speech and Hearing Science	Cleveland
+***	Christopher Chase Alford	Biology	Greenwood
	Ariel Deondria Barnes	Biology	Leland
	Marquavious Tynarian Baymon	Biology	Isola
*	Charles Denton Darnall	Biology / Environmental Science	Bells, TN
	Leo Pittman Edwards III	Environmental Science	Cleveland
***	Maggie Elizabeth Fabick	Speech and Hearing Science	Lake Village, AR
∞*	Harriet Oghenerieborue Fiakpa	Biology	Nigeria
	Ashley Selby Franklin	Biology	Boyle
***	Ken'Nia DeLee Frierson	Entertainment Industry Studies	Oxford
	Tharushi K. Galwadu Arachchige	Chemistry	Sri Lanka
	Martez Trenell Gordon	Entertainment Industry Studies	Tunica
***	Ashley Nicole Hardin	Speech and Hearing Science	Greenwood
	Caleb Henry	Biology	Byhalia
	Erin Nicole Hill	Biology	Grenada
	Mason Joel Honnoll	Entertainment Industry Studies	Columbus
*	Connor G. Jones	Biology / Environmental Science	Crystal Springs
*	Sara Shockley Lawrence	Biology	Clarksdale
	Angela Nicole Lindsey	Speech and Hearing Science	Sidon
*	Mackenzie Bernadette McGuire	Biology	Mandeville, LA
*	Ellie Ann Meine	Speech and Hearing Science	Olive Branch
*	William Andrew Midlick	Mathematics	Cape Girardeau, MO
	Maddison Cole Moore	Biology	Marks
	Sydni Ann Moore	Biology	Marks
	Christen Z. Morris	Entertainment Industry Studies	Cleveland
	Amaya Danielle-Nicole Nash	Speech and Hearing Science	Greenville
	Matthew Eric Nichols	Environmental Science	Tylertown
	Shanice Oliver	Biology	Pickens
	Alyssa Erin Osborne	Mathematics	League City, TX
+***	Daniel Iney Parks	Mathematics	Greenville

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Gillian Grace Pratt	Biology / Environmental Science	Pearland, TX
	Carlos Chevez Rice	Entertainment Industry Studies	Greenville
	Kye Richardson	Mathematics	Cleveland
∞+***	Morgan Rose Roehm	Biology	Hernando
	Emily C. Rowlen	Biology	Hollandale
	Lucy Abigail Sanders	Speech and Hearing Science	Holly Springs
	Lori Allison Sansing	Entertainment Industry Studies	Columbus
∞*	Conner Alexander Shearer	Biology	Brandon
	Taylor Brooks Smith	Speech and Hearing Science	Clarksdale
∞+***	Holly Yvonne Stanley	Biology	Cleveland
∞	Hannah Steward	Speech and Hearing Science	Southaven
	Chanice Lekera Stewart	Biology	Greenville
	Juantaya Stewart	Biology	Tchula
+***	Andrew Phillip Swatzell	Biology	Huntsville, AL
∞+***	Katelyn A. Tramel	Biology / Environmental Science	Grenada
*	Robert Michael Wahl	Biology	Kenner, LA
*	Mary Margaret Weeks	Biology / Environmental Science	Boyle
	Tatanisha Delillian Wilson	Biology	Cleveland
**	Shelby Jordan Wolfram	Biology / Environmental Science	Senatobia
	Richard Ingram Word, Jr.	Entertainment Industry Studies	Greenville
∞*	William Young	Biology	Flora
	YaeEun Yun	Biology / Environmental Science	South Korea

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Jaquell Davis	Social Studies Education	Winona
	Miltesha Nelson	Mathematics Education	Gunnison
	William Dylan Puckett	Social Studies Education	Northport, AL
	Hanna Michelle Sowell	Mathematics Education	Hernando

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Quentin B. Euell, Jr.	Interdisciplinary Studies	Madison
	Kentaro Johnson	Interdisciplinary Studies	Jackson
	Tambria Denise Odell	Interdisciplinary Studies	Greenville
	Tyrone Stallings	Interdisciplinary Studies	Louisville
	Kendalyn Karshae Thomas	Interdisciplinary Studies	Shaw
	Tamilyah Ashantae Thomas	Interdisciplinary Studies	Anguilla
	Joseph Isaiah Wise I	Interdisciplinary Studies	Greenville

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Sheterricka Danyel Anthony I	Social Justice and Criminology	Benton
Johnathan Boyd	Social Justice and Criminology	Lilburn, GA
Alex Rayshun Cox, Jr.	Social Justice and Criminology	Cleveland
Kerston Gemmya Grayson	Social Justice and Criminology	Dolton, IL
* Adrian Hill	Social Justice and Criminology	Hoover, AL
Shelby Janae Richardson	Social Justice and Criminology	Cleveland
* William Hunter Thompson	Social Justice and Criminology	Cleveland
Tearra Sharonnica Williams	Social Justice and Criminology	Cleveland

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Shavondria Bell	Social Work	Mound Bayou
* Tierra Danshaye Brown	Social Work	Cleveland
Meshaliyouna Shavon Curry	Social Work	Mound Bayou
Itedrianna Chyanne Goston	Social Work	Cleveland
Keyonna Hilliard	Social Work	Oxford
Ja'Quoria Monika Jones	Social Work	Greenville
Heather Kimberly Keel	Social Work	Pearl
Summer Knight	Social Work	Shaw
Jusilynn A. Mark	Social Work	Cleveland
*** Mary Ann O'Kennedy	Social Work	Ireland
* Yarnell Monique Page	Social Work	Hollandale
Phiandrea Pruitt	Social Work	Memphis, TN
Keiunna Raggs	Social Work	Greenville
* Myia Manaye Rice	Social Work	Shaw
*** Hannah Elizabeth Smith	Social Work	Isola
Skyla Keyuara Watson	Social Work	Tutwiler
Danesha Lashay White	Social Work	Ruleville
DaviBreeshia K. Williams	Social Work	Winstonville
Elizabeth Sullivan Wright	Social Work	Charleston

BACHELOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Mary Key Britt	University Studies	Greenwood
Valencia Regina Brown	University Studies	Cleveland
Caleb Lee Chambers	University Studies	Greenville
Jacqueline Ervin Correll	University Studies	Greenville
Zarrius Harrington	University Studies	Clarksdale

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Breanna Lee Hawkins	University Studies	Greenville
Sherron Henry-Maxwell	University Studies	Cleveland
Brandon Macfarland Morgan	University Studies	Clinton
Rose Marie Scott Harts Pegues	University Studies	Versailles, KY
Quinton Dalain Wilson	University Studies	Indianola

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND AVIATION
BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Erica Carolyne Keller	Business Administration	Greenville

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
***	Kira Nicole Adams	Management	Senatobia
	Colby Reid Alderman	Computer Information Systems	Greenville
	Bridget Nicole Amos	General Business	Tarpon Springs, FL
	Joshua Brandon Armond	Management	Chalmette, LA
	Cecil Lee Barnett	Management	Cleveland
**	Javia M. Brown	Accountancy	Greenville
	Cooper Brune	Marketing	Ocean Springs
*	Madelyn Elizabeth Byrd	Marketing	Slidell, LA
	Landon Lee Carner	General Business	Birmingham, AL
	Melva Nancy Carpenter	Management	Greenville
	Christopher Devon Clanton	Finance	Canton
	Salma Cordero	Marketing	Merigold
*	Aaron Thomas Darby	General Business	Hernando
	Katherine Victoria DuBard	Marketing	Carrollton
	Brownley Francois Eloi	Accountancy	Haiti
	Malik A. Fulton	Accountancy	Indianola
	Tyrell Goldsmith	Finance	Hoover, AL
∞	Ashleigh Brooke Harris	General Business	Ruleville
	Elizabeth Danyale Havens	Marketing	Yazoo City
	Richard Walker Holcomb	Accountancy	Rolling Fork
	Jasmine Janay Holloway	Accountancy	Sontag
	Elnora D'sharvae Hudson	General Business	Rosedale
	Angelica Johnson	General Business	Greenville
	Takoyria Shanece Johnson	Accountancy	Cleveland
*	Benjamin Patrick Kelly	Computer Information Systems	Nashville, TN
	JaKayla Nicole Kuykendall	Accountancy	Grenada
*	Nicky Verou Peterson Leger	Accountancy	Haiti

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Kiranmai Madadi	Computer Information Systems	India
	Kristopher Ryan Martin	General Business	Pensacola, FL
+***	Synethia Mathews	Computer Information Systems / Marketing	West Point
+***	Addison Marie Mills	Accountancy	Oxford
	Gabriela Noguez-Paez	General Business / Management	Cleveland
	David Mitchell Norquist	Marketing	Cleveland
	Caitlin Alexa Norris	Management	Olive Branch
	Christian Hamilton Oakes I	Finance	Vicksburg
	Blanca Osorio Lloret	Management	Spain
	Jerry Curtis Pate, Jr.	General Business	Indianola
	Dixitkumar S. Patel	Computer Information Systems	Indianola
	Hallee Elizabeth Pinkerton	Marketing	Cleveland
	Matthew Wyatt Pratt	Management	Sikeston, MO
***	Kinsey Lejorja Profice	General Business	Starkville
	Chad Edward Ragland	Healthcare Administration	Jacksonville, FL
*	Savio Bretas Ragonesi	Marketing / Management	Brazil
	Tavoris Dion Roach, Jr.	General Business	Greenwood
	Leah Sabrina Shorty	Management	Como
***	Cayce Smith	Marketing	Guntown
*	Madeline Fair Tonos	General Business	Cleveland
*	Mikhayla Aleethia Vaughn	General Business	Kosciusko
	Kelby Logan Ware	Finance	Greenville
	Dalton Ryan Whitt	General Business	Greenville
	Joshua Cole Wicker	Management	Hollandale
	Jala Asali Willis	Healthcare Administration / General Business	Greenwood

BACHELOR OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
*	John Selby Adams	Flight Operations	Benton
	Evan Micheal Anthony	Aviation Management	Kokomo
	Jacob Greer Brock	Aviation Management	Asheville, NC
***	William Gabriel Entrekin	Flight Operations	Lumberton
	Benjamin Brayden Hicks	Flight Operations	Collierville, TN
	Akia L. Israel	Aviation Management	Clinton
+***	Natalie Rose Jeffries	Flight Operations	Olive Branch
	Ashlynn Alexis Jennings	Aviation Management	Bay St. Louis
∞***	John Coleman Kennedy	Flight Operations	Starkville
∞***	Clea D. Lauderdale	Flight Operations	Hernando

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
***	Megan Marie Lindsey	Flight Operations	Nesbit
	Bryce Hayden Nelson I	Flight Operations	Keiser, AR
	Elijah Amir O'Neal	Aviation Management	Laurel Springs, NJ
***	Joshua Diamond Patterson	Flight Operations	Gulfport
***	Joseph Simpson	Flight Operations	Canton
	James Wilson Summerlin II	Aviation Management	Holly Springs
	Jordan Diaz Taylor	Aviation Management	Southaven
***	Andrew Dean Tilley	Flight Operations	Newburgh, ME
*	Dalton Gregory Turner	Flight Operations	Guntown
	Dylan J. White	Flight Operations	Meridian

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
*	Jalen Nikiyah Burns	Psychology	Shaw
	Leslie Cole	Psychology	Boyle
	Aerianna Franklin	Psychology	Clarksdale
	Jada Careese Gear	Psychology	Greenville
****	Sarah Elizabeth Hardy	Psychology	Cleveland
***	Myriam Isabelle Larsen	Psychology	Haiti
	Viktor Ingi Matthiasson	Psychology	Iceland
****	Shelby G. Moorman	Psychology	Scobey
***	Peyton McKenzie Osborn	Psychology	Northport, AL
	Savanna Leigh Rhodes	Psychology	Janesville, WI
	Treymarius Roberson	Psychology	Semmes, AL
	Abigail Elizabeth Sevier	Psychology	Lena
	Emmanuel Williams	Psychology	Brookhaven

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Jawone Blankenship	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Pensacola, FL
	Airen Rayshaun Brooks	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Phenix City, AL
	Warren Jamal Byrd	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Tunica
*	Lakambia Janae Claiborne	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Greenwood
	Kyria Shalise Cooper	Family and Consumer Sciences	Greenwood
	Elijah O'Neal Daniel	Family and Consumer Sciences	Tupelo
	Camryn Davis	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Monticello
	Joshua Rashun Davis	Family and Consumer Sciences	Horn Lake

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Kadeeja A. Davis	Family and Consumer Sciences	Newton
James Kade Dees	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Madison
Amber Monisha Dillard	Family and Consumer Sciences	Cleveland
William Robert Evans	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Boynton Beach, FL
Shequita Grady	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	McComb
*** Katelyn Anne Hayman	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Clinton
Tanner Morgan Hunter	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Cleveland
*** Madison Emily Lavoie	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Canada
Ieysha Iyanna Mays	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Mound Bayou
Z'mari L. Minter-Muhmmad	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Cleveland
** Damon Deval Moore	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Birmingham, AL
* William Burgess Myers	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Brentwood, TN
Verity Anne Poglayan	Family and Consumer Sciences	Lake Villa, IL
Mia Angelique Ramirez	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Torrance, CA
* Patrick O'Neal Shegog	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Batesville
Alanna Naomi Smith	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Picayune
Sir'vares Jy'Waun Snow	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Newton
*** Jamoniy Maquez Spires	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Yazoo City
Frank H. Thompson II	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Greenwood
Tom Toulson	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	England
Anna Sledge Tucker	Family and Consumer Sciences	Madison
Dimitri Xavier Tyler	Family and Consumer Sciences	Richland
Kniya Latrice Wallace	Family and Consumer Sciences	Edwards
Jaylan Ke'Shawn Wilson	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Pass Christian
Danielle Yates	Family and Consumer Sciences	Robinsonville
Landon Michael-David Zizmann	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Sarah

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
* Stacy Barber	Elementary Education	Florence
*** Emily Suzanne Byrd	Elementary Education	Pearl
Hunter Lee Cantrell	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Jefferson, GA
*** Karlie Grace Carpenter	Elementary Education	Dumas
* Myles Anthony Christian	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Olive Branch
* Demi Grace Deweese	Elementary Education	Madison
*** Remi Emeriau	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	France
* Cassidy Lynn Fitch	Elementary Education	Hernando
Alexis Mckensie Grantham	Elementary Education	Canton
Rachael Christine Gray	Elementary Education	Brandon
Maithe Johana Leon Pulido	Elementary Education	Colombia

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
***	Tracy Milton	Elementary Education	Clarksdale
	Sarah Edna Papisan	Elementary Education	Pearl
	Griselda Ramirez	Elementary Education	Coldwater
***	Hannah G. Reeves	Elementary Education	Brandon
*	Jennifer Dawn Rich	Elementary Education	Cleveland
+***	Bailey Brooke Runnels	Elementary Education	Cleveland
*	Carolyn Windham Spencer	Elementary Education	Pattison
	Sharon Darlene Thomas	Elementary Education	Jackson
***	Haley Brooke Williamson	Elementary Education	Richland
*	James Adkins Word	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Cleveland
	Tonda Yvette Wright	Elementary Education	Greenville

SCHOOL OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Destiny Grace Hartfield	Nursing	Hattiesburg
	Caroline Savannah Hickman	Nursing	Picayune
	Ming-Wei Huang	Nursing	Hazlehurst
	Brittany Alayne Johnson	Nursing	Tylertown
	Roxanne Jones	Nursing	New Orleans, LA
	Karla James Mancil	Nursing	Richland
	Alicia McBride	Nursing	Columbus
	Kaley McMillan	Nursing	Philadelphia
	Caleb Micheal Pervel	Nursing	Carriere
	Ashton Nichole Ridings	Nursing	Hernando
	Kimberly Robinson	Nursing	Moorhead
	Amanda Kelsey Sullivan	Nursing	Florence
	Donyita Verietta Williams	Nursing	Laurel
	Taryn Jean Wood	Nursing	Pontotoc

COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

Commencement is both a joyous and solemn event for a student and their family. By tradition, the Commencement ceremony is a formal occasion honoring the academic achievement of graduating students. To help preserve the decorum of the event, it is requested that guests exercise etiquette appropriate to the occasion. We ask that you please observe the following:

During the ceremony:

- Cell phones are to be turned off or switched to the silent operating mode.
- Be respectful. Please express your excitement in ways that will not prevent others from enjoying the ceremony or hearing names of graduates when announced.
- Please hold all applause until all graduates' names have been read. This will allow other families and guests to hear their graduate's name.
- Out of courtesy and respect of graduating students and speakers, please remain in your seat during the ceremony. This will allow the ceremony to flow smoothly and reduce distractions and disturbances to other audience members.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, please remain at your seat until all faculty and students have exited the auditorium.

Delta State University is proud of our student's accomplishments and success. We appreciate your cooperation celebrating a major milestone in students and their family's lives. We want everyone to share and enjoy a memorable and dignified Commencement ceremony.

SIGNIFICANCE OF ACADEMIC REGALIA FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Since the Middle Ages, a time-honored tradition of great dignity has been the wearing of academic apparel, which was a survival of still earlier civilian fashions. The academic gown, necessary for a scholar's warmth, and the hood to protect his tonsured head were apparently first regularly adopted in the thirteenth century at the University of Cambridge (1284). The University of Oxford was soon to follow. The custom was transplanted to this country in colonial times by King's College in New York, now Columbia University.

In 1895 American universities and colleges decided to standardize their academic styles and developed the intercollegiate code of academic costume, following primarily the Cambridge tradition. The characteristic elements of academic regalia are three: gown, cap, and hood.

The *gown* is usually of black material (serge or worsted for bachelors, the same or silk for masters, and silk for doctors). The doctors' dress gowns of the chief British universities are scarlet. Bachelors' gowns have pointed sleeves; masters' have long, closed sleeves, with lunettes at the bottom and slits at the elbows from which the arms protrude; and doctors' have wide, round, open sleeves. Doctors' gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The *cap*, the square mortar-board in American universities but a round, soft, flat, velvet hat in British, Canadian, and some European universities, bears a tassel that may be black for all ranks and degrees, or may be of gold thread or the color of the degree for doctors and the color of the degree for bachelors and masters. The doctors' cap may be of velvet.

The *hood*, worn around the neck so as to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree and may be worn only after the degree has been granted. Bachelors' hoods are three feet long; masters' are three and one-half feet; and doctors' hoods have wide panels at the sides. The color edging the hood defines the nature of the degree while the lining of silk bears the colors of the institution that granted the degree.

The degree colors are appropriate to the category of the degree rather than to the scholar's major subject. For example, the appropriate color for degrees in Arts and Letters (B.A., M.A., B.Litt.) is *white*; in Commerce, *drab*; in Education, *light blue*; in Engineering, *orange*; in Fine Arts, *brown*; in Humanities, *crimson*; in Laws, *purple*; in Library Science, *lemon*; in Medicine, *green*; in Music, *pink*; in Pharmacy, *olive*; in Philosophy (Ph.D.), *dark blue*; in Physical Education, *sage*; in Science, *golden yellow*; in Theology, *scarlet*. These colors are used for the edging of all hoods and may be used for the velvet facing and sleeve bars of doctors' gowns and for the tassels on bachelors' and masters' caps.

The *institutional colors* with which the hoods are lined indicate the university or college granting the degree. Among those hoods you will see worn by Delta State's faculty are those from Alabama, crimson and white; Arkansas, red and white; Central Missouri, red, white, and black; Columbia, light blue with white chevron; Duke, royal blue with white chevron; Emory, navy blue and gold; Florida, orange and blue; Indiana, crimson with white chevron; Louisiana State, purple with old gold; Michigan, maize and light blue; Mississippi, red with blue chevron; Mississippi State, maroon and white; Missouri, old gold and black; Southern Mississippi, gold and black; Tennessee, white with orange chevron; Texas, white above orange; Tulane, green and white; and Virginia, navy blue with orange.

The colors of Delta State University are green and white, adopted in the fall of 1925, the first quarter after opening, by the faculty and administration on the recommendation of an eight-member committee, including local residents William P. Moses and Doyle Garrett.

BANNERS

Each banner is comprised of six colors corresponding to the school colors and the academic disciplines located within each College of the University: Education and Human Sciences—Light Blue, Business and Aviation—Drab, Arts and Sciences—White, Nursing—Apricot, and Graduate Studies—Gold. The banner of each college is bordered on its sides by the color assigned to its discipline by academia, but, in keeping with the unity of the Delta State community, all six colors can be found on each banner. The university exists because of the integral relationships between each college, thus each college is represented by color in each banner.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The quill pen denotes the obvious association of literature and art but also serves as a valuable symbol for the role of history, biological and social research, and music composition within this college. The five bold lines denote an unfinished composition but one that higher education can complete. Organic and geometric shapes are transferable symbols which link the arts and sciences.

The College of Arts and Sciences banner was donated by the William N. LaForge family in memory of Dr. William F. LaForge, the first Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND AVIATION

The key is symbolic of unlocking the door of knowledge to the world. The light of knowledge passes through the keyhole with the world at its center. The grid lines are associated with columns, charts, flight grids, and matrix patterns, comprising the many aspects of this globally-oriented college.

The College of Business and Aviation banner was donated by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Quon in memory of John C. Gibson and John Yurkow, Jr., for their outstanding contributions to the College.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SCIENCES

The philosophy of learning is the foundation from which all knowledge grows. Thus, in the College of Education banner, philosophical quotations serve as the foundation for the tree of knowledge. A ray of sunlight symbolizes educational enlightenment while an opening is left for future learning.

The College of Education & Human Sciences banner was donated by the College of Education Administrative Council in honor of the faculty and staff of the College of Education & Human Sciences.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

As the universal symbol for the discipline of Nursing, the Nightingale lamp is used prominently in the foreground, surrounded by the abstracted numbers of 1977, the year the School of Nursing was founded on the Delta State University campus. The light of learning shines brightly from the lamp, lighting the way for the compassion and caring of these graduates.

The School of Nursing banner was donated by Joshua, Zachary, and Adam Hilpert in honor of their mother, Patricia L. Hilpert, and her outstanding service as a Registered Nurse.

GRADUATE AND CONTINUING STUDIES AND LIBRARY SERVICES

The pedestal denotes taking learning to a higher level while the sweeping band suggests a pathway to the future. Often associated with the great philosophers, the laurel leaf is used to signify triumph and humanity as well as matriculation and lifelong learning. The book of learning sits atop the pedestal displaying the philosophical principles serving as the foundation of education.

The Graduate and Continuing Studies banner was donated by Viking Range Corporation in memory of Ada Mitchell, who was responsible for Viking's commitment to the education of its employees.

Banners designed and made by Mary Catherine Koehler, E-Learning Instructor in Art.